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City and County of San Francisco
Department on the Status of Women



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 28, 2022

The items below reflect the Department's work towards building a more diverse and efficient San Francisco City and County government through gender-responsive and racially equitable policies and programs.

I. Key Activities to Meet Goals and to Create Outputs

a. Fund programs and initiatives to address women's needs

i. SF SOL Collaborative

The SF SOL (Safety, Opportunity and Lifelong Relationships) Collaborative continues to develop a continuum of care for youth involved in or at risk of commercial sexual exploitation.

FAM (family & me), the foster care placement model for CSEC, held a convening this past month to bring together our partners, stakeholders, and community members to reflect on the pilot and bring clarity on where we are heading with the project. The event allowed collaborators to address ongoing system barriers and issues pertaining to this population and brought everyone to common ground.

ii. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Grant

The Department has been assisting the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) in the continued efforts to produce final training materials for officer training. The San Francisco Domestic Violence Death Review Team reconvened on September 22nd to discuss the final draft of the report on the 2019 pilot case. Six SF partner agencies attended the reconvening with the goal of reaching a consensus on all feasible recommendations from the case.

iii. Blue Shield Foundation Grant

The HEALing Roots Collaborative has been planning the launch of their Survivor Advisory Board. Members of the Collaborative have been in conversation with both survivors and CBOs who work with survivors. The Collaborative wants to ensure that the safety and agency of survivors are protected when asking them to serve in a capacity that may be re-traumatizing.

Additionally, the Collaborative is meeting with local faith leaders in hopes of creating a faith-based roundtable. The Collaborative knows that faith communities play a significant role in providing support for survivors of

domestic violence. We want to create a space for spiritual leaders to dialogue and provide support, counsel, and safety.

b. Fund core service areas to address women, girls and nonbinary individuals' needs and empowerment

i. Health & Safety

The Department met with the Family Violence Council tri-chairs and community chairs to discuss the council's goals for the next fiscal year. The Department and Council walked away from the meeting with tangible next steps and objectives to ensure that there is space for the implementation of policy recommendations and a potential redesign of the next Family Violence Council Report. Currently the Department's Director of Policy and Programming, Program Managers, and Research, Data, and Evaluation Analyst are working on recommendations for a revamped Family Violence Council Report, which they hope to share at the next Family Violence Council Quarterly Meeting in November.

ii. Economic Security

This month, Director Ellis and Elise Hansell met with staff of Community forward at A Woman's Place shelter. The Department continues to collaborate with other City departments to address the intersection of safety and housing. There is a high need for gender-specific shelter and housing options to support the health and healing of homeless women in San Francisco.

Department staff also attended the CA Commission on the Status of Women and Girls' Advocacy and Media Training for grantees.

Department staff continue to host project planning meetings with the Center for Juvenile and Criminal Justice—Cameo House and the California Consortium of Urban Indian Health to design and launch guaranteed income pilot programs. The guaranteed income pilot program is expected to launch in January 2023.

iii. Civic Engagement & Political Empowerment

Ahead of this fall's midterm elections, the Department officially launched the Civic Engagement and Political Empowerment core service area with a press conference co-hosted by IGNITE at Gateway High School on National Voter Registration Day. DOSW and IGNITE announced it will join national young women's political leadership organization IGNITE to launch a catalytic investment in the city's young women—with an aim to register thousands of San Francisco high school students to vote in the midterm elections, casting their first ballot and positioning them for a lifetime of voter engagement. San Francisco Mayor London Breed and several Bay Area civic leaders, including Commission Vice President Raveena Rihal, Commissioner Ani Rivera and two IGNITE the Vote student leaders, joined the event for the launch of this initiative.

Additionally, DOSW staff worked over this month to conduct preliminary research into gender disparities in voter registration and participation. DOSW found that deep investment in registering Gen Z women is vital to addressing the sizeable gender disparities in voter registration and participation in the City and County of San Francisco. DOSW's preliminary research showed that women are less likely to register than men, and this leads to a lower proportion of women voting. However, once women are registered, the opposite is true – registered women are more likely to vote than their male counterparts. Findings include:

- Eligible women are about 16 percent less likely than eligible men to register to vote in CCSF.
- Eligible women are about 11 percent less likely than eligible men to vote in CCSF.
- Registered women are 4 percent more likely to vote than registered men in CCSF.

Localized data clearly indicates that early investment in Gen Z women's voter registration will ensure the next generation is positioned to flex their political muscle at the ballot box.

II. Department Administration

a. Fiscal

The Department submitted our FY22 Manual Appropriation Carryforward request to the Controller's Office and Mayor's Budget Office. The request totals \$1.5 million, of which \$688,000 has been obligated to the three CBOs—Access Reproductive Justice, Center for Juvenile and Criminal Justice (Cameo House), and California Consortium of Urban Indian Health.

An additional \$670,000 of the request will be funding the following previously appropriated projects: 1) data system, 2) community needs assessment, 3) public-relations-communications services, 4) video production services, 5) public opinion polling services, 6) grant writing services, and 7) social media auditing services.

The Department earmarked the remaining \$150,000 for investment in our computer technology equipment and stipends for the Women's Policy Summit speakers and other events hosted by the Department as part of our three core programs: Health & Safety, Economic Security and Civic Engagement & Political Empowerment.

b. Data and Research

The Department has conducted multiple research projects this month.

First, DOSW completed its semi-annual analysis of abortion laws across the country and provided its recommendations to the City Administrator regarding updates to the Chapter 12X restrictions.

Second, the Department has embarked on two research projects investigating gender disparities in voter participation and income. These efforts have detailed the stark disparities between men and women in the City and County of San Francisco in both areas and have provided insight into the importance of current and future programs in addressing these disparities.

Third, the Department has begun planning and designing a survey for residents of the City and County of San Francisco as part of a "Listen and Learn" tour of all eleven supervisorial districts to inform our programmatic decisions. The survey will be part of our more extensive Community Needs Assessment and furthers our goal to understand the needs of our constituents and various under-invested communities.

III. Calendar

September

Wednesday, September 28

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Annual Open House & Welcome Reception

Commission Meeting

DOSW Office Tour

October

Wednesday, October 26

Thursday, October 27

Commission Meeting

*DV Awareness Month + Panel on Economic Stability,
Security and Mobility for DV Survivors*